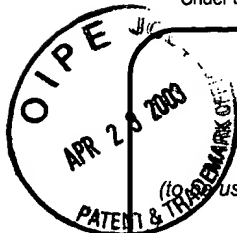


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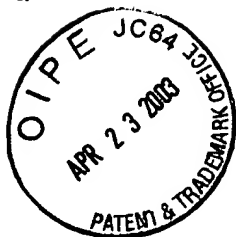
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In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003 (Paper No. 14), having an extendable, three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 11, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees necessary to make this response timely.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please replace the indicated claims as follows:**

23. (Currently Amended) A method of supplying a polishing fluid to a chemical mechanical polishing surface comprising:

flowing polishing fluid onto a first portion of a rotating polishing pad at a first rate; and

flowing polishing fluid of equal concentration on a second portion of the polishing pad at a second rate that is different than the first rate, wherein the